

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A method for performing time measurements
2 during instrumentation-based profiling, comprising:
3 receiving a code to be profiled;
4 inserting profiling instrumentation code in the code;
5 allowing a user to select at runtime the instrumented portions of the code
6 to execute;
7 executing the code including the instrumented portions of the code;
8 measuring a time for executing instrumented portions of the code; and
9 subtracting an overhead time for the profiling instrumentation code from
10 the measured time to obtain the time for the instrumented portions of the code.

- 1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the code includes platform-
2 independent Java bytecodes.

- 1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the overhead time is
2 determined by executing the profiling instrumentation code without executing any
3 instrumented code.

- 1 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the profiling instrumentation
2 code is executed multiple times to determine an average value for the overhead
3 time.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the profiling instrumentation
2 code includes method entry code that takes a first time measurement at the
3 beginning of a method, and method exit code that takes a second time
4 measurement at the end of the method, wherein the first and second time
5 measurements are used to calculate an execution time for the method.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein determining the overhead
2 time involves calculating an inner time $t_I = x_2 + y_1$, wherein y_1 is the time between
3 when the first time measurement is taken and when the method entry code is
4 finished executing, and wherein x_2 is the time between when the method exit code
5 begins executing and when the second time measurement is taken.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the time t_{exact} for executing
2 instrumented portions of the code is calculated as $t_{exact} = t_{meas} - t_I$.

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein if the method makes m calls
2 to other methods, the time for executing instrumented portions of the code
3 $t_{exact} = t_{meas} - t_I - mt_O$, wherein the outer time, $t_O = x_1 + y_2$, wherein x_1 is the time
4 between when the method entry code begins executing and when the first time
5 measurement is taken, and wherein y_2 is the time between when the second time
6 measurement is taken and when the method exit code is finished executing.

1 9. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing
2 instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a
3 method for performing time measurements during instrumentation-based
4 profiling, wherein the computer-readable storage medium includes magnetic and
5 optical storage devices, disk drives, magnetic tape, CDs (compact discs), and
6 DVDs (digital versatile discs or digital video discs), the method comprising:

7 receiving a code to be profiled;
8 inserting profiling instrumentation code in the code;
9 allowing a user to select at runtime the instrumented portions of the code
10 to execute;
11 executing the code including the instrumented portions of the code;
12 measuring a time for executing instrumented portions of the code; and
13 subtracting an overhead time for the profiling instrumentation code from
14 the measured time to obtain the time for the instrumented portions of the code.

1 10. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein
2 the code includes platform-independent Java bytecodes.

1 11. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein
2 the overhead time is determined by executing the profiling instrumentation code
3 without executing any instrumented code.

1 12. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11,
2 wherein the profiling instrumentation code is executed multiple times to
3 determine an average value for the overhead time.

1 13. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12,
2 wherein the profiling instrumentation code includes method entry code that takes
3 a first time measurement at the beginning of a method, and method exit code that
4 takes a second time measurement at the end of the method, wherein the first and
5 second time measurements are used to calculate an execution time for the method.

1 14. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13,
2 wherein determining the overhead time involves calculating an inner time $t_I = x_2 +$

3 y_1 , wherein y_1 is the time between when the first time measurement is taken and
4 when the method entry code is finished executing, and wherein x_2 is the time
5 between when the method exit code begins executing and when the second time
6 measurement is taken.

1 15. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein the time t_{exact} for executing instrumented portions of the code is
3 calculated as $t_{exact} = t_{meas} - t_I$.

1 16. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15,
2 wherein if the method makes m calls to other methods, the time for executing
3 instrumented portions of the code $t_{exact} = t_{meas} - t_I - mt_O$, wherein the outer time,
4 $t_O = x_1 + y_2$, wherein x_1 is the time between when the method entry code begins
5 executing and when the first time measurement is taken, and wherein y_2 is the
6 time between when the second time measurement is taken and when the method
7 exit code is finished executing.

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